# BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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In the Matter of

Case No. PA

ELIZABETH VITO , PA

INTERIM O

Holder of License No. 3304 For the Performance of Healthcare Tasks

In the State of Arizona.

Case No. PA-11-0006A
INTERIM ORDER FOR PRACTICE
LIMITATION AND CONSENT TO THE
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(NON-DISCIPLINARY)

### INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Elizabeth Vito, PA ("Physician Assistant") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Order for Practice Limitation; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of physician assistants in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Physician Assistant is the holder of License No. 3304 for the performance of health care tasks in the State of Arizona.
- 3. Physician Assistant has recognized that she has a medical condition that may limit her ability to safely engage in the performance of healthcare tasks.
- 4. Because Physician Assistant has a medical condition that may limit her ability to safely engage in the performance of health care tasks, the Executive Director has determined that a consent agreement is needed to mitigate imminent danger to the public health and safety.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Physician Assistant.
- 2. The Executive Director has authority to enter into this consent agreement to limit the physician assistant's ability to practice based upon evidence that she is unable to safely engage in the performance of health care tasks pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(23) and § 32-2551(E). There has been no finding of unprofessional conduct against Physician Assistant.

#### **ORDER**

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Physician Assistant's practice is limited in that she shall not perform health care tasks in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications until Physician Assistant applies to the Board and receives permission to do so. The Board may require any combination of staff approved assessments, evaluations, treatments, examinations or interviews it finds necessary to assist in determining whether Physician Assistant is able to safely resume such practice.
- 2 Physician Assistant may be assessed the costs of the contractor's fees associated with this agreement at time service is rendered, if required, or within 30 days of each invoice sent to Physician Assistant.
- 3 The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate a separate disciplinary action based on the facts and circumstances that form the basis for this practice limitation or any violation of this Consent Agreement.

DATED this 27 th day of JANUARY 2011.

ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

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Lisa S. Wynn, Executive Director

ONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- 1. Physician Assistant has read and understands this Interim Order for Practice Limitation and Consent to the Same and the stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Order"). Physician Assistant acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.
- 2. Physician Assistant acknowledges and agrees that this Interim Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- 3. By consenting to this Interim Order, Physician Assistant voluntarily relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Order in its entirety as issued, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Order.
- The Interim Order is not effective until approved and signed by the Executive Director.
- 5. All admissions made by Physician Assistant are solely for final disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Physician Assistant. Therefore, said admissions by Physician Assistant are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another

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state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

- 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Physician Assistant may not revoke the consent to the entry of the Interim Order. Physician Assistant may not make any modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties.
- 7. This Interim Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal **non-disciplinary** action of the Board.
- 8. If any part of the Interim Order is later declared void or otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Order in its entirety shall remain in force and effect.
- 9. Any violation of this Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. § § 32-2501(21)(dd) ("[v]iolating a formal order, probation agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director") and 32-2551.

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18	Elizabeth Vito, PA	DATED	1/10/11	
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20	EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 2 day of, 2011 to:			
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22	Elizabeth Vito, PA Address of Record			
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